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Pat Devlin
Board President
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Dear President Devlin:

This letter serves as an update to the September 16, 2016 appeal from Detroit Community Schools (DCS). That appeal requested review of the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) findings issued in a letter dated August 1, 2016 specific to a State Aid deduction for noncertified staff.

That appeal is still under consideration and is expected to take at least an additional 30 business days to resolve. To date, we have not received notification that there has been a change in employment status of Ms. McPhail or Ms. Jordan. While monthly deductions are held in abeyance pending the outcome of your appeal, I wanted to remind the Board that DCS continues to accrue an estimated monthly deduction of \$10,833.33 for Ms. McPhail's continued out-of-compliance employment, and \$7,083.33 for Ms. Jordan's continued out-of-compliance employment. This is in addition to the deductions identified in the August 1, 2016 letter.

The financial seriousness of this situation is not lost on the MDE and we are attending to the appeal documentation as expeditiously as possible. While an appeal outcome in favor of DCS may modify these deduction accruals, I remain concerned that an outcome in opposition of the appeal, with the deductions still accruing, is likely to have a significant impact on DCS and negatively affect students.

Sincerely,

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State Superintendent

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